

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Vance et al.	)	
		)	Examiner: Kumar, Vinod
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Title:	"Compositions and Methods for the Modulation of Gene Expression in Plants"	)	

## **AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 4, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.